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## Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

## Listing of Claims:

- 1. (Currently amended) An isolated polynucleotide comprising a fragment of SEQ ID NO:2, wherein said fragment of SEQ ID NO:2 comprises the nucleotides 710-996 of SEQ ID NO:2, or the complement of said polynucleotide.
- 2. (Currently amended) The polynucleotide of claim 1, wherein the nucleotide sequence of said nucleotides 710-996 of SEQ ID NO:2 comprises [[a]] the nucleotides 860-996 of SEQ ID NO:2 that is homologous to or identical to a region of DNA comprising a portion of the human dystrophin gene, wherein the DNA sequence of said nucleotides 860-996 of SEQ ID NO:2 is inverted when compared to the same sequence of the human dystrophin DNA.
  - 3. (Canceled)
  - 4. (Canceled)
- 5. (Previously presented) The polynucleotide of claim 1, wherein the polynucleotide comprises a plurality of translational stop codons.
  - 6. (Canceled)
  - (Canceled)
- 8. (Currently amended) The polynucleotide of claim 1, wherein the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 1 nucleotides 860-996 of SEQ ID NO:2 codes for a plurality of translational stop codons.
- 9. (Currently amended) An isolated regulatory DNA element comprising nucleotides 710 to 996 of SEQ ID NO:2, or a fragment of the nucleotides 710 to 996 of SEQ ID NO:2 comprising wherein said fragment comprises nucleotides 850-996 of SEQ ID NO:2.
- 10. (Currently amended) The regulatory element of claim 9, wherein the regulatory element controls the expression of a nucleic acid sequence to which it is operably linked.
- 11. (Currently amended) The regulatory element of claim 9, wherein the regulatory element regulates a transcriptional start site in a nucleic acid sequence to which it is operably linked.

- 12. (Currently amended) The regulatory element of claim 9, wherein the regulatory element regulates translation of mRNA transcribed from a nucleic acid sequence to which it is operably linked.
- 13. (Previously presented) The regulatory element of claim 9, wherein the nucleotide sequence of the regulatory element codes for a plurality of translational stop codons.
- of the polynucleotide of claim 1, said <u>isolated</u> polynucleotide comprising an inversion start site of apo-dystrophin-4, wherein a first plurality of nucleotides in said <u>isolated</u> polynucleotide hybridizes 5' to said inversion start site and a second plurality of nucleotides in said <u>isolated</u> polynucleotide polynucleotide hybridizes 3' to said inversion start site, or the complement of said <u>isolated</u> polynucleotide.
  - 15. (Canceled)
- 16. (Currently amended) A vector comprising a transcription promoter operably linked to the polynucleotide of claim 1, wherein the sequence of said SEQ-ID NO:1 nucleotides 860-996 of SEQ ID NO:2 is inverted with respect to the sequence in normal human dystrophin.
  - 17. (Previously presented) An isolated cell comprising the vector of claim 16.
- 18. (Previously presented) An isolated cell comprising the polynucleotide of claim 1 or a polynucleotide having the nucleotide sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: 1 wherein the sequence of said SEQ ID NO: 1 is inverted with respect to the sequence in normal human dystrophin.
  - 19. (Canceled)
  - 20. (Canceled)
  - 21. (Canceled)
- 22. (Previously presented) An isolated polynucleotide comprising the DNA sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2.
- 23. (Previously presented) The polynucleotide of claim 22, wherein the polynucleotide codes for a polypeptide that cannot be produced in a coupled in vitro transcription-translation system in the absence of SEQ ID NO: 1 or the polynucleotide of claim 1.

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- (Previously presented) The polynucleotide of claim 22, wherein SEQ ID NO: 2 41. codes for a protein or polypeptide that binds to the human CD33 protein.
- (Previously presented) The polynucleotide of claim 22, wherein SEQ ID NO: 2 codes for a plurality of translational stop codons.
- (Previously presented) The polynucleotide of claim 22, wherein said 43. polynucleotide encodes a protein that is expressed on the cell surface.
- (Previously presented) The polynucleotide of claim 1, wherein said 44. polynucleotide is contained within a vector